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WH FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: FR, MNUC, PFOR

SUBJECT: FRENCH RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT'S NUCLEAR POLICY  
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1. FRENCH EMBASSY MINISTER PIERRE BOYER CALLED ON  
DEPARTMENT (NYE) MARCH 31 TO PASS INITIAL GOF RESPONSE TO  
PRESIDENT'S NUCLEAR POLICY MESSAGE. BOYER STATED THAT  
GOF SHARES US CONCERNS ABOUT PROLIFERATION DANGERS OF  
PLUTONIUM AND FRENCH POLICY NOW PROHIBITS TRANSFERS OF

REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY, EMPHASIZING INSTEAD PROVISION OF REPROCESSING SERVICES. THUS REPROCESSING REMAINS FOR FRANCE A "VITAL NECESSITY".

2. BOYER NOTED THAT GOF DOES NOT CONSIDER US DOMESTIC POLICY AS APPLICABLE IN FRANCE AND SAID HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE GOF WISH THAT PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT NOT BE WORDED AS A GENERAL DOCTRINE FOR ALL TO FOLLOW OR INCLUDE A BLANKET CONDEMNATION OF TECHNOLOGIES "THAT TO FRANCE ARE ESSENTIAL".

3. BOYER'S FINAL POINT WAS THAT GOF WOULD NOT BE IN

A POSITION TO RESPOND TO OUR CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS UNTIL PROVIDED WITH DETAILS OF AGENDA AND FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH CONSULTATIONS CONTEMPLATED WOULD TAKE PLACE.

4. NYE NOTED IN RESPONSE THAT PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT WOULD CONCENTRATE ON US DOMESTIC POLICY QUESTIONS IN CONTEXT OF GLOBAL NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERNS AND OBJECTIVES -- AND THAT FRENCH REPROCESSING OF COURSE A FRENCH DECISION. HE EXPLAINED AT SAME TIME US POLICY STATEMENT WOULD NATURALLY HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHERS AND THIS WAS REASON WE BELIEVE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS NEEDED. FURTHER, REPROCESSING OF US SUPPLIED FUEL WILL BE QUESTION WHICH US WOULD HAVE TO DECIDE ON BASIS OF CAREFUL CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED PARTIES.

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5. NYE TOLD BOYER THAT AS CURRENTLY ENVISAGED PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT WILL NOTE THAT HIS DECISIONS PERTAIN TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, BUT WOULD ALSO DISCUSS GENERAL NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES, WHICH COULD HAVE BEARING FOR OTHERS.

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